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HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP OFFERS MEMBER BENEFITS

Editor's Note: The following article was first published in the Higher Education Partnership's October newsletter, Partnership Update. TSUD Faculty and Staff are encouraged to consider joining the Partnership. To date, there are 77 TSUD members in the Higher Education Partnership--59 faculty/staff, 3 alumni/friends, and 15 students. In addition to the benefits described in the following article, joining the Partnership is especially easy for faculty and staff. The \$12 enrollment fee can be paid through payroll deduction (that's only \$1 a month!) TSUD's Student Government Association is also very active in the Partnership through various committee appointments and has recently sponsored a membership drive . . . now it is time for the faculty and staff to do our part! Please consider joining the Partnership today and show that TSUD supports the Partnership's message of "Higher Education Changes Lives . . . Universities Are Worth Supporting!" Faculty and staff can request an enrollment form by sending an e-mail to fburks@tsud.edu.

The Partnership was formed to provide a political voice for the public, four-year universities in Alabama. The Partnership gives faculty, staff, students, alumni, and businesses the opportunity to take a stand on issues that impact higher education. The Partnership is designed to lead the effort to protect and promote Alabama's public universities.

By joining the Partnership, you take part in our advocacy work. Plus, you now have a chance to save

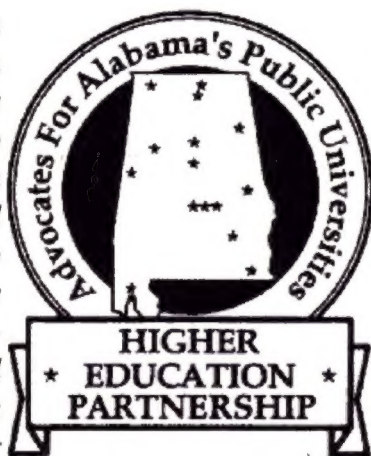
money with our special discount programs. You will benefit with discounts on car rental from national rental agencies. You can also save 20% on the cost of hotel and motel accommodations with advance reservations and up to 60% on eye care products for you and your dependents.

Rental car benefits can include saving up to \$10/day when renting from Hertz, Avis, or Alamo.

The vision care card allows you and your dependents to purchase designer frames, fine lenses for eyeglasses, and quality contact lenses at big savings. Accessing the vision care benefits is easy. Simply call the toll free number provided on your card, find a local provider and present the card--no forms or limits to usage! Participating providers include some J.C. Penney, Sears, and Pearle locations. Brands include Bausch & Lomb and Ciba Vision.

The mission of the Higher Education Partnership is to advocate the importance of the higher education in bettering the lives of the people of Alabama. The Partnership has three goals: (1) to identify, recruit, organize, and unite advocates (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and businesses) of higher education; (2) to advocate the needs and effectively communicate the importance of higher education to the people of Alabama and its leaders; and (3) to promote new education partnerships to improve the quality of life of Alabama's citizens.

For more information on the Higher Education Partnership, visit www.higheredpartners.org.



SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY AND ISC SERVICES

by Julia Smith, director of library services

On Monday, October 30, 2000, Julia Smith, Daphne Harker, and Donna Miller participated in a live web event. The interactive webcast was entitled "Searching the Hidden Internet – When Search Engines Aren't Enough." This web-based interaction adds a new dimension to information delivery. Without leaving our desk, we took part in this live event by plugging in a telephone capable of conference calls and a computer with Internet access.

The one-hour conference discussed ways to find information not accessible to most search engines such as Yahoo or AltaVista. There are many "hidden" searchable databases

that contain information relevant to academic professionals and students.

Examples of searchable databases include the following:

Internet Public Library: www.ipl.org

Librarians Index to the Internet: www.lii.org

Library Spot: www.libraryspot.com

The Scout Report: www.scout.cs.wisc.edu/report/sr/current/index.html

These databases, along with several additional websites, are available through the TSUD Library web site: www.tsud.edu/library. Click on the "Virtual Libraries" selection. Not surprisingly, librarians created most of these sites! Librarians Rule!

TSUD LIBRARY IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WIREGRASS SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Wiregrass Special Collections has been established to identify, preserve, and make available to scholars, nationally and worldwide, records and papers of enduring value on the history and development of the section of the United States locally known as the Wiregrass region and its people. This is a much-neglected area of historical research and publication. Local Alabama history textbooks have sparse mention of this area in chronicling the history of the state. Scholarly access to the papers of the area's captains of industry, military leaders, politicians, and other well-known citizens will bring to light and preserve a portion of American and regional history that will otherwise be forgotten or ignored. By collecting and compiling the history of this region, it will enlighten our view of United States and of world history as a whole. Through onsite and website visits, as well as through growing interlibrary loan service, scholars anywhere in the world will be able to obtain access to this information.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS COLLECTION A SUCCESS

We need donated materials such as:

Personal and Family Histories
Former Legislators' Papers
Municipal Records
Local and State Documents
Business Records
Newspapers
Periodicals

Please contact Tina Bernath at (334) 983-6556, ext. 324, or tbernath@tsud.edu for more information.

2000 TSUD UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN SURPASSES LAST YEAR'S CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2000 TSUD United Way Campaign concluded in October after successfully surpassing last year's amount of \$5,756. The grand total of **\$5,816** turned in to the Wiregrass United Way Office on Tuesday, October 31, was a culmination of payroll deductions (\$4,447) and in-house contributions (\$1,096) received during August through October. Vendors that participated and assisted with the campaign, by selling food items each Tuesday during the month of October, contributed \$273 of their proceeds to the fund drive. "We are very grateful for the support received from faculty, staff, and students," said Kim McNab, who served on TSUD's United Way Committee. "Serving on this year's (United Way) committee was a great experience and very meaningful knowing that this University came together for the common good of less fortunate people that live in our area."

Taylor Barbaree, TSUD's United Way Campaign Chairman, urges faculty, staff, and students to continue to thank and support the following food vendors for their assistance during the campaign: Chick-Fil-A (Wiregrass Commons Mall), Dog Wagon Vending (located at the Dothan Lowe's store), Ci Ci's Pizza, and Bill Dorminy Catering. Aside from the support of the faculty, staff, students, and Tuesday Food Vendors, Barbaree said much accolades should be given to this year's committee. "They (Chris Bryant, Debbie Christian, Elizabeth Fell, Bill Lipscomb, Kim McNab, and Quan Yang) did so much and inspired others to give until it hurt," he said. "They are just as special as the reason why this University strives to raise money for the United Way." In addition, Barbaree noted special thanks to Jean Timmel (TSUD Financial Affairs Office), the Physical Plant staff, and the Grounds staff for their help.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

October 2000

Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee meeting
 Attended ExEL Advisory Board meeting
 Hosted breakfast meeting for small group of area leaders to discuss Long-Term Community Goals
 Attended ACHE dinner and meeting at TSU campus
 Co-chaired meeting of Wiregrass United Way Board Education Division
 Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meeting in Troy
 Participated in House of Ruth Board of Directors meeting
 Attended Wiregrass Aerospace Center meeting in Ozark
 Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Annual dinner meeting
 Participated in Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors meeting in Montgomery
 Attended TSU vs. Southwest Texas football game in Troy
 Chaired TSUD Executive Council meeting
 Chaired meeting of the TSU System Strategic Planning Student and Administrative Services Team in Phenix City
 Participated in Alabama Humanities Foundation Annual meeting and Awards Luncheon in Birmingham
 Attended TSUD Red Ribbon Ceremony
 Participated in House of Ruth Executive Committee meeting
 Participated in President Cameron Martindale's Inauguration Ceremonies at TSUM
 Participated in Alabama Council of College and University Presidents meeting in Montgomery
 Participated in Wiregrass Forum meeting in Ozark
 Attended ACT Workshop at TSUD
 Attended TSU Homecoming game and activities in Troy
 Attended The College Board's Annual meeting in New York and participated in the *Recruiting and Serving Adult Students* conference as presenter in session on "Responding to the Demographics: College Leaders Speak Out"

MALONE TAPPED FOR LEADERSHIP ALABAMA

TSUD President Michael Malone has been selected to serve in the 2000-2001 class of Leadership Alabama. Dr. Malone joins 47 other state leaders who will participate in the nine month series of retreats designed to trigger open dialogue and response to the concerns of our state.

According to Executive Director Barbara Larson, the program has two goals: education and networking. "By examining topics such as human services, education, politics, economic development, and diversity, Leadership Alabama increases the number of effective leaders having a sound understanding of the broad spectrum of issues affecting our state," said Larson. Dr. Malone agreed that the information gained is invaluable and the networking opportunities will continue to be a reward. "I am so honored to be selected for Leadership Alabama. The information derived from these highly focused weekend colloquies will help me be a more contributing citizen. However, long after our year's study is finished, it will be the lasting friendships that make this program so personally enriching," says Malone.

Thus far, leaders have participated in an orientation retreat. The November session focused on education and was held in Birmingham. Other retreats are scheduled for Selma, Tuscaloosa, Mobile, and Montgomery.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The brick installation and cleaning continues, and brick continues to be installed on the front side of the building. Windows are being installed. The drywall has been installed on the first floor and is being prepared for painting, and drywall is being installed on the second floor. Air conditioning and electrical work continues on both floors. Precast concrete columns are being installed. Please be safety conscious as you enter, travel through, and depart campus.

FALL 2000 ExEL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The ExEL - Excellent Educators Ladder Program - recently hosted a group counseling session at Northside Mall for the Fall 2000 ExEL scholarship recipients. These TSUD students are all pursuing degrees in the teaching profession (secondary level). Pictured (L-R) above are: Melanie Paul, Debra Ward, Jeff Hatfield, Mary Saffold, Amber Byrd, Lindsey Andrews, Jessica Parramore, Paula Raley, Paige Patton, LaKeisha Newsome, Brenda Jordan, Cindy Whitfield, Teresa Jones, and Rick Butler. Not pictured: Helen Bringhurst, Jennifer Henry, JoAnn McGriff, Tressie Miller, Ronald Nichols, Howard O'Dell, Diannia Smith, LaTasha Weatherington, Brian Williams, and Nancy Woods.



Congratulations Ron Nichols! Ron is an ExEL Scholar and is pursuing a teaching degree in special education. Ron and his wife Debra (Dawson) are originally from Marion. They have been married for 16 1/2 years and have two children.

Ron and Debra are the pastors of First Assembly of God located in Florala.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Patricia Fritchie has completed three technology courses, Intermediate NT Administrator, Advanced Networking, and Front Page 2000, and she is currently designing a web-based course for teachers on Space Technology to be hosted by Astronaut Memorial Foundation through a Florida State Department of Education Grant. The web course is not only about NASA contributions to everyday life but also how to incorporate "web based" research activities into curriculum in K-12 settings. In November she will be attending a National Aerospace Conference in Cocoa Beach, FL, where she will meet with former TSUD graduates Sandy Armstrong and Judy Williams and will be planning ways to conduct workshops at TSUD on Space Education. On October 24, she conducted a video conference to TSUD and guests included Dr. Sam Durance, NASA astronaut; Gene Tavares, vice president of Astronaut Memorial Foundation; and Damon Talley, educational specialist of NASA Education. On October 16, she observed, met with reading specialist, and conducted Alabama Reading Initiative in-service at Slocomb Elementary. In her off duty times, she's having a blast (no pun intended) being a guest on Kennedy Space Center, property of two shuttle launches, one shuttle landing, and one Atlas launch of a military satellite. She will watch the return of Discovery on top to the transport aircraft.

Dr. Jan Gunnels was selected to serve as the Region 4 representative for the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators. Region 4 consists of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. She was elected to serve another term on the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*. She presented "Writing That Matters: Practical Classroom Approaches for Developing and Using Children's Writing" at the 2000 National Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference in Atlanta, GA. She attended the National Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators annual conference in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones was selected as a Teacher Education Faculty Discipline Review Team member for Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT). She attended a TSU System MERLOT team meeting in Troy on October 6, and she attended an international training meeting in Nashville, TN, on October 12-14. She and Dr. Victoria Morin have written an article entitled "Training Teachers to Work as Partners: Modeling the Way in Teacher Preparation Programs" which was accepted for publication in the Fall Issue of the *Delta Kappa Gamma Society Bulletin*. Delta Kappa Gamma Society is an international professional honorary society for women educators.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2000

Get Well Card

Mrs. Laurette Long

Thank You Received

Your thoughts, prayers, cards, notes, e-mails, and telephone calls meant a great deal to me during my recent illnesses.

Laurette Long

HOLIDAY CONCERTS ANNOUNCED FOR TSUD COMMUNITY BAND



Heritage Village - The Baptist College
of Florida
Graceville, FL

Saturday, December 2nd
5:00 - 5:45 and 6:45 - 7:15 P.M.

Wiregrass Commons Mall Food Court
Monday, December 11th
7:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church - Dothan
Wednesday, December 13th
6:00 P.M.



BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Barbara Minsky
- 1 Sherri Burns
- 3 Cindy Halcomb
- 4 John Lester, Jr.
- 4 Scot Craig
- 5 Alex McMahan
- 5 Diana Parker
- 6 Jean Timmel
- 6 Priscilla McArthur
- 6 Richard Williams
- 9 Reta Cordell
- 12 Patricia Fritchie
- 15 Jean Kirkland
- 16 Gary Buchanan
- 25 Dennis Pearson
- 27 Pam Parris
- 30 Matthew Elbeck
- 31 Kerri Parris



BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

- 2 Rosemary Button
- 12 Karen McGahee
- 16 Barbara Gusick
- 16 Patrick Schado
- 17 John McQueen
- 20 Jan Gunnels
- 21 Dorinda Van Loo
- 24 Victoria Morin
- 25 Debbie Moore
- 31 Burton Wright

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